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SUBJECT: BAD DAY FOR UDA

REF: BELFAST 11, JANUARY 15, 1975

1. CHARLES HARDING SMITH CHIEF OF WEST BELFAST BRANCH  
PROTESTANT PARAMILITARY ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA)  
SHOT THREE TIMES FEB. 6. LONE GUNMAN BURST INTO SMITH  
OFFICE SHANKILL ROAD HEADQUARTERS UDA. THERE FIVE OTHER  
UDA MEMBERS PRESENT. SMITH RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL  
ELEVEN DAYS AGO AFTER BEING WOUNDED IN SNIPER SHOOTING.  
THERE NO RPT NO CLUES TO IDENTITY ATTACKERS ALTHOUGH TELEPHONE  
CALLS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY WAS ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

2. ELEVEN WOMEN AND ONE MAN ALL BELFAST UDA MEMBERS  
SENTENCED FEB. 6 AFTER TRIAL FOR BEATING MURDER ANN OGILBIE  
IN JULY 1974. ONE SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD AND ONE EIGHTEEN YEAR  
OLD GIRL WHO ACTUALLY COMMITTED MURDER DETAINED AT DISCRETION  
SECRETARY STATE WHILE OTHERS RECEIVED SENTENCES TOTALING 27  
YEARS. SORDID ASPECTS THIS BRUTAL MURDER FOCUSING PUBLIC  
ATTENTION ON NATURE UDA AND ACCUSATIONS BEING LEVELED THAT  
IT BECOMING LESS A DEFENSE ORGANIZATION AND MORE A CRIMINAL  
GANG.

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3. TWO UDA MEMBERS SENTENCED FEB. 6 TO THREE YEARS PRISON

FOR POSSESSION FIREARM.

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